



## Provider Communication

<b>Subject:</b> Repayment of All Outstanding Prospective Payment Balances	<b>Priority:</b> <b>High</b>
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***Dear Provider,***

### **Repayment of All Outstanding Prospective Payment Balances**

As you are aware, beginning April 2003, the Department of Community Health (the Department) made Prospective Payments during the transition of the third party administrator from EDS to ACS. The Prospective Payment Program was designed to provide interim cash payments to providers to ensure there was an adequate cash flow while the Department and ACS implemented the new system. The payments were in lieu of customary claims payments and were made with the understanding that the state would be reimbursed by the provider after the system was able to adjudicate and pay the claims.

Over the past two years, the Department has taken many measures to recover the outstanding Prospective Payments:

1. The Department has recouped a percentage of weekly claims payments as a mechanism to satisfy outstanding prospective payment balances due. The percentage has increased over time and is currently at 50%.
2. All providers were provided a Financial Summary Report on two separate occasions that detailed weekly financial transactions, including prospective payments, recoupments, and claims payments amounts. Providers may request a current report at any time.
3. A special unit was formed to assist with inquiries regarding the payment information reflected on the Financial Summary Report.

We are now finalizing our efforts to collect any remaining balance still owed. *Starting in August 2005, recoupment will be set at 100 percent* for all non-COS 680 & 681 providers with outstanding prospective payment balances.

The special recoupment strategy, announced in the November 11, 2004 Banner Message, that was developed for Categories of Service 680 (MRWP) & 681 (CHSS) will remain in effect until further notice.

The Department would be appreciative of any providers who would like to settle their outstanding Prospective Payment balance. Providers may do so by sending payments as follows:

Make Check Payable to: Department of Community Health, cash not accepted

Mail to: Department of Community Health BRS – Advanced Payment Refunds	If you would like to overnight your refund, Send to: Department of Community Health
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PO Box 409886 Atlanta, GA 30384-9886	Attn: Lockbox 409886 BRS – Advanced Payment Refunds 6000 Feldwood Road College Park, GA 30349
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